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Fired Fed Governor Refuses to Step Down

President Trump is now getting a taste of the true power of the Federal Reserve, America's 111-year old central bank. On August 25, Trump sent a two-page letter to Fed governor Dr. Lisa D. Cook, accusing her of having committed real-estate fraud. The letter continued:

> The Federal Reserve has tremendous responsibility for setting interest rates and regulating reserve and member banks. The American people must be able to have full confidence in the honesty of the members entrusted with setting policy and overseeing the Federal Reserve. In light of your deceitful and potentially criminal conduct in a financial matter, they cannot and I do not have such confidence in your integrity. At a minimum, the conduct at issue exhibits the sort of gross negligence in financial transactions that calls into question your competence and trustworthiness as a financial regulator.

Trump informed Dr. Cook that he was firing her, citing his authority under 12 U.S.C. § 242.

Indeed, the relevant passage appears to vest the president with the authority to fire members of the Fed's Board of Governors for cause:

> [E]ach member shall hold office for a term of fourteen years from the expiration of the term of his predecessor, unless sooner removed for cause by the President.

However, this is the first time in the Fed's history that any president has attempted to exercise this power. For decades, the Fed has carefully cultivated an image of being "independent" from sordid partisan politics, and of being beholden to no special interests. Accordingly, Lisa Cook has already informed Trump that she is not acknowledging Trump's action, and will continue to report to work. In a statement released the same day, Cook wrote:

> President Trump purported to fire me "for cause" when no cause exists under the law, and he has no authority to do so. I will not resign. I will continue to carry out my duties to help the American economy as I have been doing since 2022.

Her lawyer added, in a separate statement:

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> President Trump has once again taken to social media to "fire by tweet" and once again his reflex to bully is flawed and his demands lack any proper process, basis or legal authority. We will take whatever actions are needed to prevent his attempted illegal action.

Cook's response is but the latest in a string of incidents whereby swamp rats refuse to be fired and resort to lawfare to try to remain at their posts. We imagine that Cook will find a sympathetic anti-Trump judge who will issue an injunction forbidding Trump to fire any member of the untouchable Fed Board of Governors, and Cook will continue to fight as long as possible — all the while continuing to make monetary policy that affects the entire world.

The Federal Reserve is an institution conceived in deceit, and dedicated to the proposition that all men must be in thrall to ruling elites holding the power to determine the size of the money supply. The Fed is blatantly unconstitutional, and its inflationary policies have destroyed most of the value of the U.S. dollar over several generations. The Federal Reserve-centered banking and monetary system has created a purely illusory economy in which thrift and savings are disincentivized and the poor and middle class are ground down by debt, while the elites profit from priority access to new money. And this elitist system is defended with the weasel word "independence," which in reality means utter unaccountability to the American people and their elected representatives.

Lisa Cook's attitude is symptomatic of the arrogance that accompanies the unaccountable exercise of power, and she is now giving Trump — who continues to cling to the illusion that the Fed can be harnessed for good — a master clinic in the elitist conceit behind the bland image cultivated by most central bankers. — Steve Bonta

Democratic Socialists of America Preparing for Upcoming Elections

On August 8-10, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) held their national convention in Chicago, drawing more than 1,200 delegates. The theme for the 2025 convention was "Rebirth and Beyond," focusing on the past decade of "growth" and preparation "for a decade of party building," just ahead of the 2026 midterm and 2028 presidential elections.

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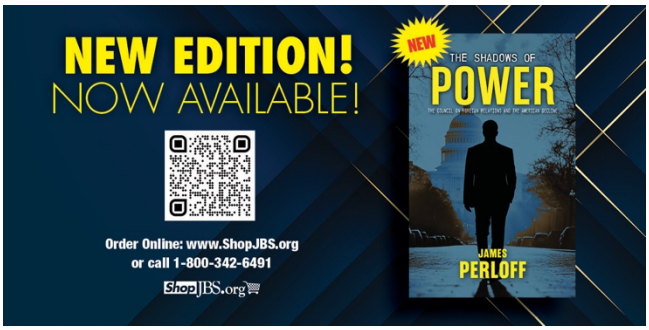
The DSA is openly proclaiming its ambitions to expand its influence, infiltrate Congress, and further radicalize activists against American institutions, with Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) declaring during the convention's keynote speech:

> Transformative change in our country always comes from us, not the White House, and not the United States Congress. Both of these institutions didn't care about the right to organize unions or passing the Civil Rights Act, or the Voting Rights Act, until people pushed them from the outside in.

In New York City, DSA-endorsed New York State Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, a democratic socialist, defeated former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo in the New York City Democratic mayoral primary,



winning by 12.78 percent, with 56.39 percent of the vote (573,169 votes). With polls showing him as the front-runner in the November election, Mamdani's platform promises rent control, government-run grocery stores, and an expansion of public healthcare. If he is elected as NYC mayor, Mamdani's socialist policies would erode individual rights and drive out businesses under the corrupt promise of "transforming" New York.

The "Mamdani of Minneapolis," Minnesota state Senator Omar Fateh, also a democratic socialist, launched his campaign for Minneapolis mayor, initially securing the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL) endorsement in July before it was revoked. Fateh's agenda includes rent control, raising the minimum wage, and immigrant protections, potentially expanding socialist control to another major American city. Such policies would further destabilize Minneapolis, which has already suffered through a tumultuous half decade of policies that prioritized ideology over public safety.

The Socialist International (SI), a globalist precursor to the DSA, was established in 1951 as an international network uniting socialist parties worldwide. Headquartered in London, it promotes "democratic socialism," masking its radical agenda behind progressive rhetoric. It influences national governments and advocates for supranational organizations such as the United Nations.

The tactics that shaped the British Labour Party have been mirrored by the DSA since its formation in 1982. This strategy, pioneered by the British Fabian Society in 1884, uses incremental reforms through democratic means rather than violent revolution, allowing socialists to subvert existing institutions and enact changes subtly over time. This approach has allowed the DSA to influence U.S. progressive politics and advance socialist goals, advancing a Fabian-style agenda that threatens to slowly transform America into a full-fledged socialist state.

As the de facto U.S. subdivision of the SI, the DSA advances the global socialist agenda, infiltrating the U.S. government and subverting U.S. politicians — importing European-style socialism with the primary objective of abolishing the U.S. Constitution. — David DeRidder

Trump Continues Appeasement of Communist China

While most of the rest of the world has adapted to the new reality of Trump's tariffs, one country continues to receive preferential treatment: Communist China. After initially talking tough on China, Trump now appears to have acquiesced to Western pro-China elites, for whom it is inconceivable that the United States would do anything other than continue to fund China's hegemony. Tariffs on China remain suspended, even as countries such as Canada, Mexico, and the nations of the EU now must reckon with double-digit tariffs. Not only that, Trump has also imposed tariffs on Taiwan, the country we supposedly back.

And there's more. Trump is now vowing to keep bringing in hundreds of thousands of Chinese students to American universities — this, in contrast to sweeping new visa restrictions on the citizens of many countries far less dangerous to the United States than communist China. Defending his own furtherance of the status quo, Trump said, in his best pleonastic form:

> We're gonna get along good with China. I hear so many stories about we're not gonna allow their students to come in. We're gonna allow their students to come in. We're gonna allow — it's very important. 600,000 students. It's very important. But we're gonna get along with China.

For all of his bluster, Trump now appears to be but the latest U.S. president since Nixon to kowtow to Beijing. — Steve Bonta

What Gives? More Trump Flip-flops on China: TikTok, Nvidia & AMD Chips

We have more head-scratching, national security-threatening moves from Trump on China. Trump relentlessly (and rightfully) denounced Joe Biden as "China Joe" and accused Biden of selling out to Beijing. So effective was this charge, and so obviously true, that Biden's handlers were forced to issue a steady stream of tough-on-China rhetoric in a desperate damage-control effort. Biden's handlers had decided to out-Trump Trump on China bashing. Have Trump's handlers now convinced Trump to out-Biden Biden on China dealing? It certainly appears so. Consider TikTok, the Chinese social-media platform that Trump 45 called a national security threat. In fact, on August 6, 2020, Trump 45 issued an "Executive Order on Addressing the Threat Posed by TikTok." There were then, and still are now, very valid reasons for this concern, as outlined in that executive order and further detailed here, here, and here. However, Trump 47 now claims that those concerns are "highly overrated."

Ironically, it was largely due to Donald Trump's highlighting of TikTok's national-security threat that Congress passed, in 2024, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act (PAFACA). It was *signed into law by President Biden*, again, due to public pressure generated by Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans. It requires TikTok's parent company, ByteDance Ltd., which is subservient to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), to divest itself of TikTok. Amazingly, on the first day he returned to the Oval Office, Trump 47 signed an executive order delaying the enforcement of PAFACA for 75 days. He has since extended that deadline two more times and says he'll keep extending it. In fact, he's a TikTok fanboy now and has even launched a White House TikTok account.

"I used TikTok in the campaign," Trump said. "I'm a fan of TikTok," he avers. "My kids like TikTok. Young people love TikTok. If we could keep it going."

Adding to this reversal is his recent wheeling and dealing on advanced computer chips with Xi Jinping and his totalitarian CCP comrades. You know, those little electronic thingies that are essential to modern weapons systems such as missiles, drones, smart bombs, satellites, etc. More importantly, these are the chips that are powering the artificial intelligence (AI) explosion, which is at the heart of future weapons systems that we will be facing from China and other adversaries. So why has Trump given the OK to Nvidia and AMD, two of the most advanced chip makers, to sell their chips to China? (See here, here, and here.)

As we have detailed in the articles listed below, China's meteoric rise from backward Third-World nation to tech behemoth and global military threat in just three decades has been thanks to just such technology transfers:

China's Tech War

China's Chip Foundries Still Dependent on Foreign Tech Transfers

China's Brain: Made in USA

Oh, but wait! By the terms of this deal, Nvidia and AMD will pay a tax of 15 percent to the U.S. government on their AI chip sales to China. Will that even begin to cover what we will then have to spend on Defense to match their weapons-system advances?

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said this "unique" arrangement could serve as the "model" for future trade deals. "I think we could see it in other industries over time," Bessent said. "Right now, this is unique, but now that we have the model and the beta test, why not expand it?" Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has likewise sung the praises of the chip deal.

We already know where this road leads because we've been down it many times before. It leads to *national suicide*. This was meticulously explicated and

documented by historian Dr. Antony Sutton in his definitive works on the subject: *Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development* (three massive volumes), *National Suicide: Military Aid to the Soviet Union*, and *The Best Enemy Money Can Buy*. — William F. Jasper

Oppenheimer Rides Again: Hollywood Homage to Reds Continues

Nothing, apparently, can ever shake the Hollywood Left's slobbering love affair with communism. After more than a century of atrocities, mass-murder, genocide, torture chambers, totalitarianism, betrayal, and persecution; after the revelations of the Soviet Gulag Archipelago, the Killing Fields of Cambodia, the "re-education camps" of Vietnam, the prison-state of Cuba; after witnessing in real time the atrocities of Tiananmen Square; after more than 100 million murders and the abject enslavement of two billion members of our human family; after all this and more, the degenerate Hollywood elite *still* adore the tyrannical Castroite regime in Havana, still intone reverence for Marxism like puerile sophomore college kids regurgitating Noam Chomsky's drivel, and still insist that anti-communist "McCarthyism" — not communism itself — was, and is, the real danger to our freedoms.

Thus, they can't help themselves from going completely gaga over a pro-communist agitprop masterwork such as director Christopher Nolan's *Oppenheimer*. The biopic about physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the supersecret Manhattan Project to create the atomic bomb set media movie critics' hearts all atwitter. Their superlative rave reviews helped the film set box office records. It grossed nearly $1 billion in theaters and bagged 13 nominations at the 2023 Academy Awards, taking home seven Oscars, including best film, best director, best actor, and best supporting actor.

Now *Oppenheimer* is back for a second damage run, this time on television. Since July, it has been given a second life on Netflix and other streaming platforms. Before rushing out to purchase one of the streaming options, please take a look at our in-depth August 11, 2023 review, "The Real Oppenheimer: the Conspiracy, the Treason, the Truth." We would also recommend checking out an important blast from the past, "Oppenheimer Rides Again" by the great Dr. J.B.

Matthews. This extensive review of Oppenheimer, the man, and his treasonous activities originally appeared in the October, 1958 issue of *American Opinion*, the predecessor publication of *The New American*.
— William F. Jasper

Congress to Return From Recess

On Tuesday, September 2, Congress will return from its month-long recess. Multiple topics are on its to-do list, including:

- *Government spending:* Current federal funding is scheduled to expire at the end of the fiscal year, on September 30. With the Establishment seeking to avoid a government shutdown, Congress will likely pass either another stopgap continuing resolution or a full budget to extend spending into the next fiscal year. If the recent past provides any indication, Congress will yet again fail to substantially reduce spending and bring our nation's fiscal situation under control. In addition to the dangerous fiscal

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implications of our current reckless spending, Congress has no authority under Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution to spend money or legislate on the vast majority of areas that it currently does. Instead of continuing to spend recklessly and violate the Constitution, Congress must slash the vast majority of current federal spending.

- *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):* The U.S. Senate's first vote upon returning will be to advance the fiscal 2026 NDAA, the defense-policy bill that Congress has passed each year since 1961. In addition to authorizing unconstitutional or wasteful programs and spending (e.g., foreign aid and continued military presence in foreign countries), Congress could potentially attach harmful riders, such as the SAVE Act.

- *Nominations:* When Congress returns, it will have more than 240 civilian nominations (including for federal judgeships) to confirm. During the first months of Donald Trump's second administration, the long-term trend of increasing gridlock in nominations has continued, and Senate Republicans — after having ignored Trump's calls to allow recess appointments — are preparing to change the rules to shorten the amount of time needed to confirm nominees. This strategy, however, is problematic for three primary reasons: 1) it ignores that facts that the vast majority of the 1,300 political positions requiring Senate confirmation are unconstitutional; 2) the current gridlock is at least partially the result of the federal government's enormous (and increasing) power and scope, which has made each individual nomination more consequential; and 3) Senate Democrats will use any rules changes to ram through leftist nominees in a future Democratic administration (similar to how both parties have taken advantage of previous rules changes initiated by the other party).

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What's not on Congress' agenda is as revealing as what's on it. Despite focusing significant time on appropriations legislation and the NDAA, Congress has so far ignored important (and constitutional) legislation such as the DEFUND Act (H.R. 1498 and S. 669) to *Get US Out!* of the United Nations, and the Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act (H.R. 1846 and S. 869) to abolish the unconstitutional Federal Reserve. To restore constitutional adherence and national sovereignty, Congress must enact these bills. Thanks to persistent efforts of American patriots, on August 15 Representative Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) added his name as co-sponsor of the DEFUND ACT, H.R. 1498, bringing the total to 13 cosponsors.

As Congress reconvenes, regularly contact your U.S. representative and senators, show them and their staffs their Freedom Index scores, and urge them to support legislation such as the DEFUND Act and the Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act and vote in accordance with the U.S. Constitution. — Peter Rykowski

Minneapolis Catholic Church Shooter a Deranged "Trans Woman"

The shooter who killed two kids and wounded 17 others at a Catholic church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, then killed himself, was a mentally ill "trans woman."

Robin Westman, formerly Robert, Fox9 in Minneapolis reported, posted a video to YouTube that plainly shows a deranged man.

Video captured before his account was shut down include the killer's standing over an array of rifles and pistols, their magazines painted with crazed messages.

Westman fired into Annunciation Catholic Church through stained glass windows at about 8:30 a.m. during a back-to-school Mass. Murdered were an eight-year-old and a 10-year-old. Among the 17 people injured were 14 children.

Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara told Fox9 that Westman carried a rifle, a shotgun, and a pistol, and cops think he used all three.

"FOX 9 sources identified the shooter as Robin Westman," the station reported:

> FOX 9 has confirmed Westman's mother previously worked at Annunciation. The shooter's mother also applied to change her child's name from Robert to Robin in Dakota County in 2019, according to court documents obtained by FOX 9. According to the name change filing, Westman identified "as a female and wants her name to reflect that identification."

The Open Source Intelligence Monitor X feed captured screenshots and video from Westman's YouTube channel.

The channel "contained several video[s] consisting of guns, a manifesto in Russian and English, as well as a map of the Annunciation Church. In the videos, Westman shows his manifesto and guns painted with

Pro-Russian, Pro-Trans, Pro-Communist, Anti-Trump, Anti-Christian, Anti-Semitic, Anti-Indian, and multiple other slogans from current controversial topics and online memes," the feed reported.

Video shows Westman handling magazines with deranged messages. One glorifies mass shooters such as Charles Whitman, who murdered 17 people at the University of Texas in 1966; and Adam Lanza, who murdered 26 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012. That magazine also says "For The Children."

Another asks "Where Is Your God?" while a third says "Kill Donald Trump" and "Killer Sadist."

He also handles a smoke canister that says "Extra Thick Jew Gas."

A screenshot posted by End Wokeness shows an image of Jesus Christ on what appears to be a shooting target.

"In one video, a hand slowly turns the pages of a red notebook, which is laid out on top of what appears to be schematic gun diagrams," the *New York Post* reported:

> Each page is filled with inscrutable handwritten scrawl, and an occasional plume of smoke is seen from the bottom of the screen as the person turning the pages coughs and occasionally maniacally giggles.

The *Post* published a photo of what appears to be a diagram of the church drawn into a notebook. Westman is holding a knife between the pews.

After the murders, Westman killed himself in the church parking lot, Fox9 reported.

One fifth-grader said a friend covered him during the shooting: "My friend Victor, like saved me, though, because he laid on top of me, but he got hit.… He's really brave, and I hope he's good in the hospital."

The Westman mass shooting is the fifth such crime perpetrated by a "transgender" since 2018.

- On March 27, 2023, 28-year-old "trans man" Aiden Hale, who was born Audrey Elizabeth, murdered three nine-year-olds and three adults at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee.
- On November 19-20, 2022, 22-year-old Anderson Lee Aldrich, who called himself "non-binary," murdered five and wounded 25 others at a mass shooting at the Club Q bar for homosexuals in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- On May 7, 2019, 16-year-old "trans boy" Alec McKinney and an accomplice murdered one and wounded eight students at the STEM School Highlands Ranch in Douglas County, Colorado.
- On September 20, 2018, "trans woman" Snochia Moseley, 26, murdered four and wounded three people at the Rite Aid Distribution Center in Aberdeen, Maryland, before killing himself.

Police stopped a massacre by a "trans man" in 2024 when they arrested Alex Ye, given name Andrea, who planned mass shootings at a high school and elementary school in Montgomery County, Maryland. Ye, 18, had written a 129-page manifesto that included the tale of a fictional "transgender" bullied into a mass shooting. In May, she was sentenced to 10 years in prison but will serve only one, Fox5 in Washington, D.C., reported.
— R. Cort Kirkwood

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